



WICHITA SKI CLUB

General Meeting

River City Brewery

(upstairs)



150 N. Mosley

Tuesday, June 16th

Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.

A Night of Karaoke!

Barney's

Saturday, June 20th, 8 p.m.

Ridge and Maple

(7130 W. Maple, 942-5340.)

Join the WSC for karaoke. Come sing or just help cheer on your fellow singers. Hope to see you there!



Tuesday, July 7th

Rowdy Beavers

656 S. West St

(Previously the Westside Willie C's)

Ph. (316) 425-0365

www.rowdybeaver.com

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WSC Membership Report

New members just keep pouring in as you all share your experiences, adventures and stories with your friends! Keep sharing!

Please welcome the latest new WSC members. You will find their information as part of the 2009-10 Directory when it appears in September.

Deborah Rolff

Glenda Rall

Aaron Houdashelt

Membership Renewal

Spring is here and so is membership renewal! Dues for singles are \$30 and for family, \$50. You may submit your payment to a board member at any WSC function or by mail to PO Box 2451, Wichita, KS 67201. Dues are considered late after June 30th.

Please pay by check and fill out a membership registration to go with your payment. Include all information you would like available in the directory. If you do not include information that was in the directory last year it will not be included this year. The 2009-10 Directory will be available in October (or if things go well like last year, I will have it available for the September Ski Trip sign up meeting!!!) The membership registration forms can be found on the website at wichitaskiclub.com.

Lisa Hartnett
Membership Chair

Trip Coordinator Report

It might seem early, but it's already time to start thinking about the upcoming ski season. I know I have. The first opportunity to sign up for trips #1, #2 and #3 will be during the September, 15 general meeting. Trip #4 is a commando trip so it's up to you to handle your own booking, etc.

The Wichita ski club will again be offering \$75 trip discounts, but only on some of the trips this season. To qualify for the \$75 trip discount deposits and payments must be paid on time and in full to trip captain.

Trip #1 - Crested Butte, CO

The Lodge at Mountaineer Square (same place as last season)
Depart: Thurs. Dec 10, 2009; time TBD
Return: Late Sun. to early Mon., Dec. 14, 2009 morning; time TBD
Included: 1/2 day lesson, 3 day lift ticket, 2 nights lodging, wine & cheese social, bus with beverages, return trip pizza
Cost: TBD (eligible for discount)

Trip #2 - Flatland Ski Association (FSA) Race Trip (Copper Mountain, CO)

Zephyr Mountain Lodge (close to lifts)
Depart: Tues. 26 Jan 2010; time TBD
Return: Late Sun. to early Mon. Feb. 1, 2010 morning; time TBD
Included: 4 nights lodging, bus with beverages, return trip pizza, and FSA activity pass (includes welcome party, race fees, and awards banquet)
Cost: TBD (eligible for discount)

Trip #3 Tentative (Joint trip with The Slope) Steamboat, CO

Lodging TBD
Depart: Thurs. 25 Feb, time TBD
Return: Late Sun. to early Mon., Feb 29 morning, time TBD
Included: 2 nights lodging, wine & cheese social, bus with beverages, return trip pizza
Cost: TBD

Trip #4 Tentative Trip to Europe
Italy ?, Mid Feb 2010

Ain't No River Wide Enough

"Ain't no mountain high enough"
"Ain't no valley low enough"
"Ain't no river wide enough"

Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell, in their 1967 hit, adequately described the Wichita Ski Club's thirst for adventure. Nothing was high enough or wide enough to stop us. That is, until we met the Illinois River on our recent float trip to Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Many of us headed south on Friday, May 1st, with excitement and anticipation. We ignored the dark clouds in the sky, the rivers of water running beside the highway, the fields now lakes, the rain beating against the windshield threatening to overpower the wipers, and the repeated warnings on the radio about rivers exceeding flood stage. "Ain't no river wide enough" for the WSC. Float on the Illinois we will, come hell or high water. And high water was coming at a rapid rate.

As we pulled into Tahlequah in the darkening light, the water was coming down and the river was rising. The brave ones headed for the War Eagle Resort camp grounds. The weak ones, writer included, headed for the nearest motel. For those that chose the camp ground, a school bus across the road blocked their access to the now flooded camp grounds.

Not being daunted by the rain and the flood, the campers chose to group camp in the activity building at War Eagle. One brave soul pitched his tent outside and witnessed the ferocious lightening first hand. However, the party went on far into the night, or perhaps it was far into the early morning.

Saturday morning bore witness to dark skies, but little rain. As we gathered at eleven to discuss our options for rafting, many long faces dotted the room. Options were not good and nothing was definite. We might be able to raft later in the day, perhaps Sunday morning, maybe Sunday afternoon. Or, we could have the option of leaving and having our money refunded for another day.

However, due to the resourcefulness and knowledge of some of our members, all was not lost. As the Statler Brothers noted in their hit song, "Flowers on the Wall," the thought that came to many was "Now don't tell me I've nothing to do." There was plenty to do, we just had to find it.

Fortunately, a beautiful Oklahoma state park was near to our location. Four cars headed north and east to Dripping Springs State Park. There

we spent a wonderful afternoon hiking trails that circumnavigated beautiful waterfalls, hanging bridges, immense green foliage and colorful flowers. For those that made the short, slightly out-of-the-way drive, it was an afternoon well spent and made the drive to Tahlequah worthwhile. Great scenery viewed with great friends make long-lasting memories. "Now don't tell me I've nothing to do."

Still smiling:
**Brian Copeland,
Linnea Baker,
Cathy Stenz,
Jane Moriarty,
Terri Sanders,
Herb Schnoetzinger,
Tim Sanders**

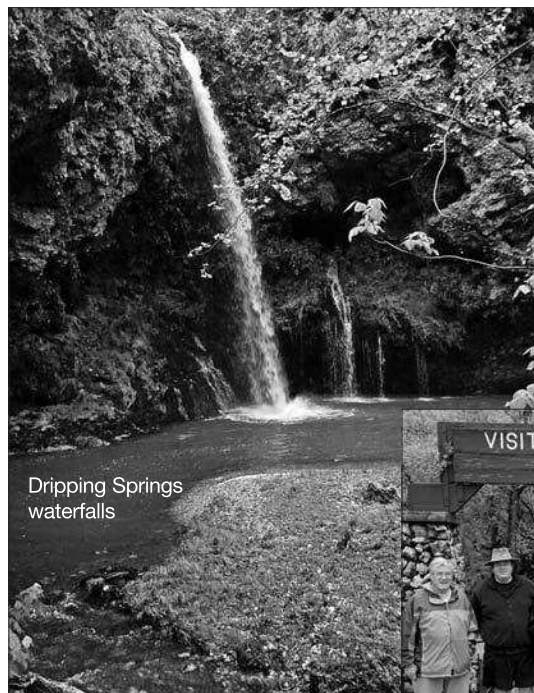


The mixed news: **Brian Copeland, Tim Sanders,
Susanne Renken, Hanfried Renken**



Rising water:
Jane Moriarty

Dripping Springs State Park,
OK: **Herb Schnoetzinger,
Steve Ashmore, Jane
Moriarty, Tim Sanders,
Terri Sanders, Cathy Stenz,
Hanfried Renken**



Dripping Springs
waterfalls

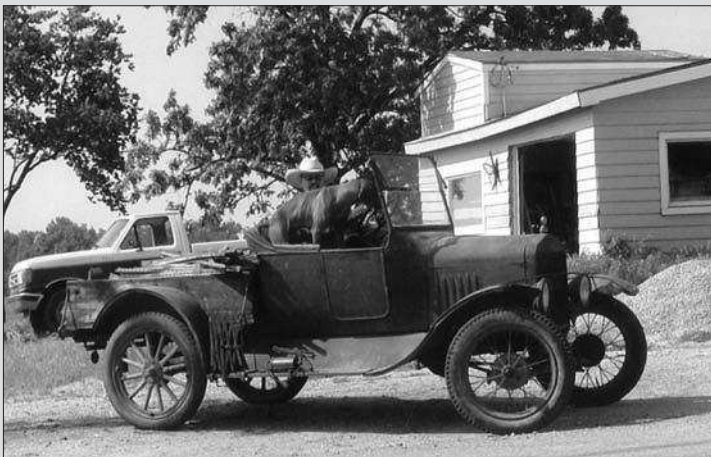


From the Editor

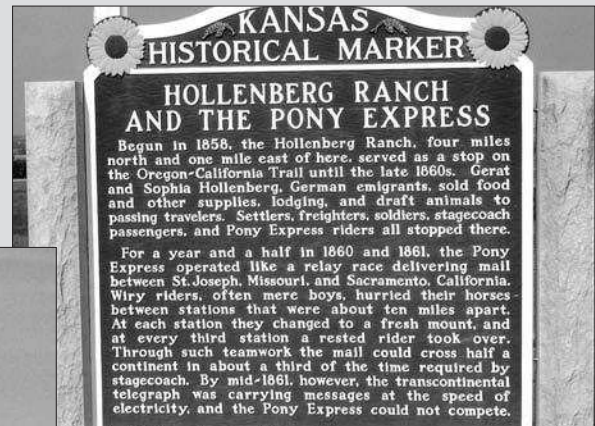


I ran across this photo (left) taken when I first started skiing back in March 1986.

JD Fredrick wondered how I got ahold of this photo (below) that appeared in April's newsletter and I told him one of the members gave it to me.



On my way home from Nebraska I drove through Washington, KS. I ran across this Model A or T pickup with wood spokes in the back and wire spokes in the front. He had a load of steel posts and his dog. Notice there's no cab, just the front windshield.



Pictured right is a monument of the Pony Express up by Hanover, KS. I think about John Hough telling me how hard it is to explain to kids that there really was a wild west. Only 147 years ago.

Mark



From the Board

Dear Wichita Ski Club Members,

As a board we want to hear your thoughts, ideas and concerns regarding the Ski Club. We try very hard to plan nice socials and activities for the club. We would also like to enjoy a good time with each of you at these gatherings. Avoiding using them as business sessions would make this possible.

The Board Meetings are the time to bring your thoughts, ideas, and concerns to our attention. The Board Meeting is at 5:45 and usually goes till 6:30 or 7:00 at the River City Brewery before the General Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. Please feel free to come to our meeting or let us know in advance and we will put you on our agenda. And, of course, if you have something urgent or with a time deadline, please don't hesitate to bring it to our attention.

Please utilize the Board Meetings and General Meetings to conduct business!

Thank you!
The WSC Board

Boat Reimbursement

If a Trip Captain asks you to bring your boat on a lake trip, you will be reimbursed as follows:

- Mileage from home address to lake per Mapquest at the IRS published rate plus 50%.
- Each boat must start on the water with full tank of gas.
- Provide all receipts for all gas fill ups (fill up before, gas used on lake and fill up after trip) and you will be reimbursed for gas used on lake.

What it's Like...

When it comes to skiing, there's a difference between what you think it's going to be like, what it's really like, and what you tell your friends it was like.

~Author Unknown

Summer Concert Series Sedgwick

June 11: John Lee Hooker Jr - blues

June 25: Roomful of Blues-blend of swing, rock-n-roll, blues and soul

July 9: The Robert Cray Band - good-time, uptown, low-down blues

July 23: Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band - the "Father of Fun" and the World's Premier Zydeco Showman

August 6: Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk - One of New Orleans' best funk bands.



What to expect:

The Zoo will close at 5 p.m. and the gates will reopen for all shows beginning at 6:30 p.m. Zoo exhibits will remain open until the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cold Drinks and food will be available or you can bring your own picnic. No alcohol may be brought in but beer will be available at vendor locations. Bring your own lawn chair. Concerts will be moved to the pavilion if it rains.

Advance tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 4-11 for both zoo members and non-members. Advance tickets can be purchased at the zoo entrance before the day of the concert, by phone at 316-266-8276 or online at www.scz.org

Cost for tickets purchased at the gate the evening of the concert: Zoo members cost the same as above and non-members are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children ages 4-11.

Season Tickets: Includes tickets to all five concerts and two free beverages (non-alcoholic) per concert: Zoo members are \$50.00 and non-members are \$60.00.

VIP Tickets: Includes tickets to all five concerts, two free non alcoholic beverages per concert, reserved seating area, concert t-shirt and signed CDs from each of the artists. Zoo members are \$90.00 and non-members are \$100.00.

This is really a fun time with room to dance too! Maybe we could get a WSC group together for some of these concerts.

Proper Dress

- Determine the climate.
- Choose underlayers in polypropylene and fleece, or alternatively, wool and silk.
- Buy waterproof pants that will fit over ski boots, are not too long and allow you to bend easily at the hips and knees.
- Choose thick socks with a stretchable fiber; they won't lump and cause blisters.
- Buy waterproof gloves or mittens if your hands chill easily.
- Buy a windproof, waterproof jacket with a removable lining that can accommodate thick layers for cold days.
- Cover your ears with a hat or headband.
- Choose sunglasses or goggles that offer 100-percent protection against UV rays and are large enough to shield your eyes from wind, blowing snow and wind chill.

http://www.ehow.com/how_199_dress-skiing.html

Technique

- Keep your hands forward at all times. Never drop your hands.
- Pole plant is on the backside of the upcoming bump.
- The balance point is basically under your foot - not forward and definitely not back.
- Square up your body to the fall line.
- Absorb the terrain by allowing your knees to flex as the bump shocks your skis.
- Extend your legs in each trough.
- Keep your tips on the snow. This is critical. Bring the hips forward to keep the skis on the snow.
- Upper back is perpendicular to the fall line.
- Do not collapse forward by bending at the waist when shocked by a compression. Use the legs only.

dsdata.net/skitips.htm

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Wichita Ski Club Membership Registration

\$30 SINGLE \$50 FAMILY



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